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Kazuo SAKAMOTO et al.)
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Sir:

Applicants have identified a typographical error in Form PTO-1449 that was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office with an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on August 1, 2002. In particular, U.S. Patent No. 2,030,767 was incorrectly listed as 2,020,767. In order to correct these errors, Applicants enclose a new Form PTO-1449 to correctly cite the corrected patent number. For the Examiners convenience a copy of the referenced patent is enclosed. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner initial and date the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to indicate consideration of this reference and mark through the incorrect version provided on the Form PTO-1449 on August 1, 2002.

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